

MISSING MAN BACK HOME

Mr. J. T. J. Melton Once More
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WANDERED ABOUT FOR DAYS

Aberation of Mind Caused by
Severe Headache—No Like-
lihood of Recurrence.

After wandering about the city and
county for four days, with many per-
sons searching for him with dire fore-
bodings in their brows, Mr. J. T. J. Mel-
ton, the well known contractor, is again
at home in the bosom of his family.

Last Wednesday morning Mr. Melton
left home to go down town on business.
He visited the real estate firm of Chapin
& Hume, and did some business with
them. After that his movements were a
blank until late that night, when he en-
tered the First Police Station, and asked
permission to rest awhile. He said he
was going home on a late car, and about
2 o'clock he went out. The next afternoon
he was seen in the vicinity of the South-
ern depot.

When he lost himself again, his mind
was a blank, but at intervals he came
to himself for a few minutes at a time.
In these lucid moments he started for
home, but before making much progress
he would lose his bearings again, and
thus it was that the time passed, until
he walked into his home at No. 340 East
Broad Street, early Sunday morning.

ONCE AT FAIR OAKS.
At one time his brain assumed its nor-
mal condition, while he was sitting on the
railroad track at Fair Oaks. He had
built a fire, and was calmly warming
himself. He had lost all reckonings of
time, and wondering how he happened
to be in that place, he started back to-
ward Richmond. In a moment he again
lapsed into a state of aberration, and
when he once more realized his surround-
ings he was in a field near Strawberry
Hill. Making for the road, he saw an
old negro trying to fix the wheel of his
wagon, which had worked itself off its
nut. He helped the old man to repair the
wagon, and again started for Rich-
mond, after ascertaining that the day of
the week was Saturday.

Before getting home his mind again
wandered, and he does not know how
much territory he covered before reaching
his home, about 2 o'clock Sunday morn-
ing.

In the meantime the family, friends and
police were doing everything to locate
the missing man. It had been suggested
that he had possibly fallen overboard, and
arrangements were about to be made to
devote combined energies in that direc-
tion.

LIGHTS KEPT BURNING.
Every night the lights at home were
kept burning, and members of the family
and friends sat up in silent vigil. On
Saturday night, several of them were sit-
ting up in the parlor. Along toward mid-
night, with ceaseless watching,
the waiting party sank into a doze. They
were still dozing when Mr. Melton en-
tered the home. He looked at his dear
ones and realized that they had tired
themselves out awaiting his return. He
did not feel like arousing them at that
moment, feeling that they needed sleep.
So he put out the lights and sat down,
to await their awakening. Mrs. Melton
was the first to arouse herself. She no-
ticed that the light had gone out, and
hastened to light it again. She reached
to the fire with a piece of paper, and
then Mr. Melton spoke:

"Here is a match," he said.

"The voice coming from the semi-dark-
ness startled her, but she immediately
realized that her loved one had returned.
The lights were lit, and there was gen-
eral rejoicing. Mr. Melton then went to
bed, and Dr. Garvin was called.

Last night the patient was reported as
getting along nicely. Dr. Garvin said
there was no reason to believe there
would be a recurrence of the trouble. The
whole thing arose over a severe head-
ache that Mr. Melton suffered with early
in the week.

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